

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6 remain the application and have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 6 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite that the multichannel data is "real-time data of a plurality of audio channels of a multi-channel audio system." See Fig. 15A, for example.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1 and 6 are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention and meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 6 under 35 USC 103(b), as being anticipated by Sato et al.

Features of the real-time data transmitting apparatus and method according to the present invention are the transmitting of real-time data of a plurality of audio channels of a multi-channel audio system using a plurality of units each having a predetermined length among devices linked to a predetermined bus line. A sub-label section is set up between a label section and a data transmission section including the real-time data of the plurality of audio channels in a unit having the predetermined data length, that is, the sub-label section is set up in the data structure for transmitting the real-time data. See Fig. 15A of the present application, for example.

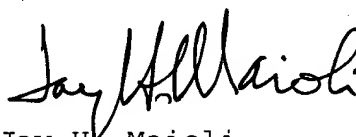
Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to emphasize these features of the present invention.

Looking at Sato et al. we see that there is no sub-label section set up in the data structure for transmitting the real-time data. Sato et al. is merely teaching a data structure for transmitting control data.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1 and 6 are not anticipated by Sato et al.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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